

**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 5**

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SUBJECT: Reports of Significant Developments and Activities
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The activities listed below are organized by site-specific activities and training/conferences:

SITE-SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES

Settlement Agreements Reached, Allied Paper, Inc./Portage Creek/Kalamazoo River Superfund Site, Kalamazoo and Allegan Counties, Michigan

On February 21, 2007, two Administrative Orders on Consent (AOCs) were signed between U.S. EPA and the potentially responsible parties (PRPs), Millennium Holdings LLC and Georgia-Pacific Corporation, for the Allied Paper/Portage Creek/Kalamazoo River Superfund site, Kalamazoo and Allegan Counties, Michigan. The State of Michigan is also a party to one of the AOCs. Under the first agreement, Millennium Holdings LLC and Georgia-Pacific Corporations will perform an estimated \$21 million cleanup of the Plainwell Impoundment Area under a Time-Critical Removal Action. Approximately 132,000 cubic yards of materials containing polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB)-contaminated paper residual will be removed from the river sediments, banks, and floodplains within the impoundment and disposed of at the Allied Paper, Inc., Landfill, which is one of four landfills at the site. This cleanup action will begin this Spring.

The second agreement requires the PRPs to conduct a Supplemental Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study (SRI/FS) for the entire site. Under this agreement, the PRPs will investigate an 80-mile stretch of the Kalamazoo River and a 3-mile stretch of

Portage Creek. The estimated cost of the additional SRI/FS work is \$15 million. Upstream sampling will begin this Spring.

The agreements are a result of two years of mediated negotiations.

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Listed NPL Site, Elm Street Ground Water Contamination Superfund Site, Terre Haute, Indiana

On March 7, 2007, U.S. EPA added Elm Street Ground Water Contamination to the Superfund National Priorities List (NPL). Elm Street Ground Water Contamination is located in Terre Haute, Indiana. Elm Street encompasses a ground water contamination plume which could potentially impact the Terre Haute municipal drinking water supply. Elm Street Ground Water Contamination is one of the 5 national sites which were added to the NPL.

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Proposed NPL Site, Eagle Zinc Company Division of T L Diamond Site, Hillsboro, Illinois

On March 7, 2007, U.S. EPA proposed to add Eagle Zinc Company Division of T L Diamond to the National Priorities List (NPL). Eagle Zinc Company Division of T L Diamond is located in Hillsboro, Illinois. Eagle Zinc encompasses a 123-acre former lead smelting operation that closed in 2003. The major environmental concerns are 15 residue piles and their potential environmental impacts. Eagle Zinc Company Division of T L Diamond is one of the 5 national sites which were proposed for addition. The public has 60 days to comment on the proposal.

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TRAINING/CONFERENCES

SPCC Regulatory Update Seminar, U.S. EPA, Region 5, Chicago, Illinois

The Spill Prevention, Control and Countermeasure (SPCC) Program (Oil Section) conducted the second of two seminars covering the

SPCC regulation, "Updates, Tips, How To's and the Basics." The seminar was designed to assist facility owners/operators and consultants with understanding the recent rule revisions (effective February 26, 2007), what to expect during an inspection, the basics of oil spill prevention for aboveground oil storage containers (40 CFR Part 112), and much more. The first seminar was held on Thursday, February 15, 2007, and the second seminar was held on Friday, March 2, 2007, at the Chicago Regional Office. Additional seminars are in the planning stage in several of the Region 5 States. The room was filled to capacity with approximately 88 people in attendance representing the regulated industry, environmental consultants, and engineers.

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Risk Management Program Training, Minnesota Air, Water, and Waste Environmental Conference, Bloomington, Minnesota

On February 27, 2007, Greg Chomycia of the Chemical Emergency Prevention and Preparedness Section presented an overview of the Chemical Accident Prevention Provisions, otherwise known as the Risk Management Program, at the Minnesota Air, Water, and Waste Environmental Conference. The Conference is put together by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency on an annual basis and is attended by more than 2000 people. The half-day training was part of the initial training day of the conference and was attended by more than 30 people representing regulated industry, consulting firms, and State and local governments.

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Meeting (SONS 07 Play), Great Lakes National Program Office, Chicago, Illinois

On February 22, 2007, Beverly Kush, Bill Bolen, and Barbi Lee met with Paul Horvatin to discuss how the Great Lakes National Program Office (GLNPO) will play in the Spill of National Significance 2007 (SONS 07) Exercise. GLNPO will develop a scenario involving the Lake Guardian for the Exercise. Also, GLNPO can make the Lake Guardian available during the dates of the SONS07 exercise. The United States Coast Guard will have the Coast Guard Cutter Mackinaw available, as well. A conference call was held on February 26, 2007, to introduce Mr. Horvatin to the additional Great Lakes Venue Exercise Directors and to discuss how the Lake Guardian and GLNPO can play in the exercise. GLNPO will attend the Final Planning Conference for the Great

Lakes Venue which will take place March 23, 2007, at the Great Lakes Naval Training Center.

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